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Maryland Man Sentenced to More Than 12 Years in Prison On Charges Stemming From Deadly Home Invasion - Two Other Assailants Were Fatally Shot in Confrontation With Police -

WASHINGTON - Stefan Fields, 22, was sentenced today to 12 years and 10 months in prison on charges stemming from a home invasion that took place earlier this year in Northeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced. The crime led to an exchange of gunfire with police in which two of the other assailants were fatally wounded.

Fields, of Rockville, Md., pled guilty in May 2011 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to charges of first degree burglary while armed and assault with intent to rob while armed. He was sentenced by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary.

According to the government's investigation, at about 10:30 p.m. on February 13, 2011, Fields, along with Akeem Cayo, 21, and Dayvonne Sealy, 19, entered a home in the 1000 block of Irving Street NE. Several students of The Catholic University of America lived in the house. When Fields and his companions entered the home, there were 10 people inside.

Fields had a military-style assault rifle and Cayo and Sealy had handguns; all of the weapons were loaded. The men wore black or dark colored clothing with masks over their faces. Once inside the house, they ordered the 10 people onto the floor and demanded their money and property. Fields, Cayo and Sealy pointed their weapons at the victims, terrorized them, and threatened to kill them if they did not turn over their money.

As the event was unfolding, one victim was able to call 911, and shortly thereafter, police began to arrive on the scene. Fields and his companions noticed that the police had surrounded the house. All three assailants fled out the front door. Following an exchange of gunfire, officers of the Metropolitan Police Department struck both Mr. Cayo and Mr. Sealy. Both died as a result of their gunshot wounds.

Fields, upon hearing the gunfire and seeing his companions fall, dropped to the ground and surrendered. Following his arrest, he admitted his involvement in the incident.

“Mr. Fields’s story should serve as a cautionary tale for other young men who are tempted to use violence to make a quick buck,” said U.S. Attorney Machen. “He traded in a promising future playing college basketball for a mask and an assault rifle. As a result, his two friends are dead, 10 people were terrorized, and he will spend the next 12 years in prison.”

In announcing the result, U.S. Attorney Machen commended MPD Detectives Charles Fultz and Randy Parker, along with several other officers of the Fifth District, for their investigation of this incident. He also expressed appreciation to Paralegal Kalisha Johnson-Clark, Victim Witness Advocate Jennifer Clark, and Assistant U.S. Attorney James E. Smith, who investigated the case.

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